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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	SUN JAE Y. LOEWE	1626	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 and 28-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3,11,13,14,16-25 and 28-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-26 and 28-30 are pending in the instant application. Claims 3, 11, 13, 14, 16-25 and 28-30 are withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's remarks filed on May 22, 2008 have been fully considered, however, they are not persuasive in overcoming the 35 USC 103 rejection set forth in the previous office action. See response to remarks below, Section 4.

Maintained Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, 15 and 26 remain objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. The non-elected subject matter consists of compounds of Formula I that are not the elected species. Applicant will be entitled to rejoinder of the non-elected species upon allowability of the generic claims.

Maintained Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. " Applicant discloses comparison data between a compound wherein R³ is hydrogen and a compound wherein R³ is alkyl (methyl) in Test Example 1 at page 264 to 265 of the specification. See Table 166. In Table 166, the compound wherein R³ is hydrogen is "Reference compound" and the compound wherein R³ is methyl is β-1-3. The structure of β-1-3 is disclosed in Table 79 at page 183 of the specification. The difference between the reference compound and β-1-3 is only R³. Table 166 shows the EC50 values for PPAR δ activity of both compounds. The EC50 value of β-1-3, which is a value of 9.9, is low. On the other hand, the EC50 value of the reference compound, which is a value of 37, is much higher than that of β-1-3. "

Applicant's remarks have been considered, however, they are not found to be persuasive. A 4-fold difference in EC50 is not considered to be a significant change as to indicate unexpected results.

It is maintained that the 35 USC 103 is proper. This ground of rejection is hereby made FINAL. Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 26 remain rejected.

Conclusion

5. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUN JAE Y. LOEWE whose telephone number is (571)272-9074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00 Est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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